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Examiner

Anne-Marie Falk, Ph.D.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.15) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

The preliminary amendment filed August 7, 2001 (Paper No. 6) has been entered. Claim 7 has been amended. Although the "Supplemental Preliminary Remarks" filed March 15, 2002 (Paper No. 9) states that Claims 1-35 and 37 are pending, Claim 36 has not been cancelled.

Claims 1-37 are pending in the instant application.

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-35 and 37, drawn to an epitope-tagged TBP transgenic animal, a method of making the transgenic animal, a method for isolating a higher order transcription complex, and a method for isolating a TAF or a TAF-interacting factor, classified in class 800, subclasses 4, 13, and 21.
- II. Claim 36, drawn to an antibody that binds to an epitope-tagged TBP, classified in class 530, subclass 387.9.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are patentably distinct because they are drawn to materially different compositions that are not related. The antibody of the invention of Group II is not required to make the transgenic animal of the invention of Group I, and the transgenic animal of the invention of Group I is not required to make the antibody of the invention of Group II. The antibody can be made by injecting the antigen into any animal. Although an antibody is required for the proposed method for isolating a higher order transcription complex, the complex can be isolated using an antibody other than the antibody of the invention of Group II.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification and recognized divergent subject matter and because the searches required for the separate inventions are not coextensive, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne-Marie Falk whose telephone number is (703) 306-9155. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached on (703) 305-4051. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to William Phillips whose telephone number is (703) 305-3482.

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